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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POW/MIA - LAOS

REF: A) VIENTIANE 4092

B) STATE 107345

1. GREVERS REPORTEDLY DEPARTED VIENTIANE 1430 HOURS RAL MAY 23
VIA BANGKOK FOR THE UNITED STATES. HIS POW RESCUE SCHEME IN
VIENTIANE APPARENTLY FELL THROUGH.

2. THIS MORNING, MAY 24, FSO HOWLAND AND COLONEL EDWARD J.
VAUGHN, LIAISON OFFICER/JCRC, SAW MR. LACOUTURE, PRESIDENT OF
BANK OF INDOCHINA, AND WERE INFORMED THAT GREVERS HAD DEPOSITED
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A CHECK FOR U.S. \$100,000 ON TUESDAY, MAY 21. LACOUTOURE INFORMED

GREVERS THAT CHECK CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WOULD REQUIRE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AT THE MINIMUM. ON MAY 23, AN ASIAN NAMED TAN SOUGKRAM-ROLE IN THIS SITUATION UNKNOWN - DELIVERED A LETTER FROM GREVERS TO LACOUTURE, WHICH STATES IN PART, "DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MY CONTROL, I WISH TO CANCEL MY DEPOSIT WITH YOU IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000, COMPLETED WITH YOUR BANK IN MY NAME OF TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1974. THE PERSONS WITH WHOM I WAS DEALING ADVISED ME YESTERDAY (MAY 22) AFTERNOON THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PRODUCE THE GOODS PROMISED TO ME."

3. STATE FOR FRANK SIEVERTS: LETTER AND CHECK FACSIMILE BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY. LACOUTURE WAS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING US WITH BANK DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL IN BANKING ETHICS. PLEASE DO NOT REVEAL LACOUTURE'S ROLE IN THIS CASE.

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